Subsidy released in favour of the Govt. of Assam

(Rupees in Lakh)

Name of the Scheme	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02 (upto 28.2.2002)
1. Transport Subsidy Scheme	2548.61	1250.53	1195.24	1669.00*	1118.00*
2. Central Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme	—	—	—	—	366.00*
3. **Central Interest Subsidy Scheme	—	—	—	—	—
4. **Central Comprehensive Insurance Scheme	—	—	—	—	—

*As per the details of disbursement furnished by NEDFi, which is the authorised nodal agencyfor disbursement of subsidies in North East Region.

**The scheme is yet to take off.

Impact of FDI on food retailing sector

502. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Adverse impact of FDI in retailing foreseen" which appeared in The Hindu dated the 24th November, 2001;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to save food and non-food retailers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per the extant policy, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is not permitted in retail trading.

Liquidation of tea estate by tea trading corporation of India

503. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tea Trading Corporation of India was prayed before the honourable Calcutta High Court to put Putung va-tukvar and Peshok tea estates in liquidation;